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HONGKONG, 29th May, 1903.

A MATTER of considerable importance to the commercial world was to come before the International Telegraphic Conference convened to meet in London this month. We refer to the question of the Vocabulary Code compiled by the International Bureau of Telegraphic Administrations at Berne, which the Conference was expected to make compulsory. No information has yet come to hand as to whether the question has been decided, but the latest mail papers show that the proposal meets with strenuous opposition from the leading Chamber of Commerce, including those of London, New York and Birmingham. The protest of the London Chamber was made at a largely-attended meeting held last month under the presidency of Mr. Kewicke, M.P., a resolution being passed urgently requesting the Postmaster-General to decline on behalf of His Majesty's Government to accept the compulsory adoption of the proposed official vocabulary of code words. The resolution further urged His Majesty's Government to decline to acquiesce in any other than a permissive use of the present vocabulary, and if its official adoption be pressed by other Governments which do not use or possess cables and telegraphic lines to the same extent as those in the hands of the British Government and companies, His Majesty's Government was urged to withdraw, as far as this matter was concerned, from the International Telegraphic Union. Mr. Kewicke pointed out that all users of cables at present constructed would be put to an immense amount of trouble and expense if the official vocabulary were made compulsory. He urged that the new vocabulary should be allowed to stand on its merits solely, and if it were better than any of the existing codes its worth would

be speedily recognised and its general adoption would follow as a matter of course. Since this is precisely the claim made by the Berne International Convention, namely that it is better than the existing codes, surely there is no need to force it upon a public which would readily adopt it if it served the purpose better than the codes now in general use. But the manager of one of the Cable Companies "let the cat out of the bag" when he set up a nail at the meeting that his Company had only been able to pay a dividend of 2½ per cent. for the last 15 years, and that the compulsory adoption of the new code was advocated with a view to preventing the use of made-up words. This gentleman boldly stated that the Cable Companies were "the dragon at the bottom of the case." They had provided the capital to unite the ends of the earth, he said, and they had a right to live. That is not an unanswerable argument in a question of this sort, and carried no weight with the Chamber of Commerce which passed its resolution unanimously. We note that the interests of the commercial communities of the Far East were being watched in this matter by the China Association from whose committee a letter was read embodying objections to the vocabulary; and one of the principal speakers at the meeting was Mr. Gwyther, the Chairman of the Chartered Bank of India, China and Australia. Mr. Kewicke mentioned that an examination of the official vocabulary by an expert showed that its deficiencies were more numerous than its advantages. If that be so, the terms of the Chamber's resolution, though strong and emphatic, are amply justified and will no doubt be endorsed by the British commercial communities throughout the world.

The King's approval of Mr. Gaston Ernest Liebert, as Consul of France in Hongkong, is announced in the *London Gazette*.

On Whit Sunday, 31st inst., the s.s. *Wingch'i* will run on an excursion to Macao, leaving here at 8.30 a.m. and returning at 8 p.m. On Monday she will leave and return at her usual hours.

The attention of those who were unable to obtain copies of the *Hongkong Weekly Press* containing the report of the *Zefiro* case, is drawn to the advertisement announcing that our report of the case has been reprinted in pamphlet form. A limited number of copies are on sale and intending purchasers should make early application.

A German Consular report from Yokohama states that after prolonged negotiations Japanese tea-growers and merchants have formed a powerful trust, which will endeavour to introduce and push the sales of Japanese tea in foreign countries. Foreign exporting firms in Japan have been invited to join the "combine," but have declined. The Government, which has already spent annually 70,000 yen for some years on the same object, will no doubt assist the tea trust.

A mild sensation was caused yesterday morning at a quarter to eleven half-way up the ascent of Battery Path by the death of a rickshaw coolie in the employment of Major-General Gaseorne, who was seated in the vehicle. The coolie, assisted by another, was pushing behind the rickshaw when he dropped dead, presumably from heart failure. Crowds of Chinese gathered round, but gave the corpse wide berth, fearing plague. The occasion was improved by a well-known resident behind Kodak.

By permission of Major General and Officers, the band of the 3rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme, at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner this evening (weather permitting):—

March..... "March Roumanie," Gormod Overture..... "Zampa," Herold Selection { "Reminiscences of the } Chambers Plantation," Chambers

Song..... "The Everlasting Day," Revan Selection { "An Toy," Sidney Jones Value "Blue Birds," Waldteufel Dance..... "From Henry VIII," Vauderwol "God Save the King."

With regard to reports that the Russian Government had recently given large orders for Cardiff coal for Port Arthur, inquiries at the Cardiff Exchange showed that, whilst contracts had been made with St. Petersburg, for coal to be delivered at ports including Port Arthur and Vladivostock, there had not been any unusual Russian demand for Welsh coal. Nixon's Navigation Company had a contract with a St. Petersburg firm to supply from 50,000 to 60,000 tons from Cardiff; but no order for early delivery had been received. The Russian Government had also contracted for 100,000 tons of coal from the Tyne.

Was public chair No. 233 disinfected on Wednesday afternoon after it had borne a Japanese woman suffering from plague to the hospital at Kennedytown? The query is prompted by a correspondent who says that the woman was first taken to the Government Civil Hospital in the chair and thence by the same means to Kennedytown, accompanied on the journey by a Japanese only, the authorities at the Civil Hospital being presumably too much occupied either to send one of their staff with the woman to superintend her transit or to have her removed in an ambulance, which would have been a quicker and more satisfactory method to adopt. When the patient had been received into hospital, the chair and its two bearers returned citywards, but whether to undergo the necessary fumigation or to resume business amongst the population is a moot point.

The latest Tonkin papers announce several cases of plague in the city.

A paragraph in the London *Daily Chronicle* with reference to Mr. Bellis, says—Mr. Bellis has two fads—giving money away and yachting.

A new comic opera, entitled *La Toledo*, produced from the French by Messrs. Augustus Moore and Hickory Wood, with music by Audran, was produced for the first time in the London at the Kennington Theatre last month. Mr. Alec Marsh, as a Spanish singer, made a brave attempt to enliven a rather depressing entertainment by his robust acting, says a London paper. The opera will no doubt be much improved upon.

The Australian Commonwealth is now the only important section of the Empire that insists on the retention of the old 2½ postal rate. A communication from St. Martin's-le-Grand recently suggested that the rate should be reduced to 1d. at the end of this year. The Commonwealth Postmaster-General placed the proposal before the Cabinet, initiating at the same time, according to his export advisors, the change would involve a loss of £295,586. He therefore recommended that the reduction be not acceded to, and the Cabinet endorsed the recommendation.

Practically the whole supply of ramie for Europe comes from China where it grows wild. We notice that the cultivation of this fibre as a Colonial industry is now being advocated in the London papers. Delivered in England, ramie costs from £30 to £40 a ton, and it can be manufactured into silk-cloth and a score of other articles at a reasonable price. For one thing, an expert says, "ramie comes out a shade cheaper in manufactured articles than either cotton or hemp. The great thing, however, is that it will be an alternative to cotton, so that the cotton financiers will not be able to rule the market. The grass will grow anywhere almost, and at the moment it is growing at Lyons in an experimental fashion. What is wanted is that some British Colony, say Australia or South Africa, shall seriously set itself to ramie cultivation. Two or three crops can be raised from the same land in one year, and a great industry might result." He adds that the trouble, hitherto, had been to find a process for converting the raw fibre to practical uses. Many attempts had been made in that direction, and the Indian Government had given the matter special attention. It was believed that the problem had now been solved by a French invention, and many English spinners were already using a certain amount of ramie grass treated according to the new process. The results had been satisfactory, and indicated a future trade out of which the British Colonies might make a large profit.

ARMED ROBBERY.

The police are investigating a case of armed robbery which occurred at 79, Praya East, Wanchai, between 9.30 and 10.15 on Wednesday night. The premises were occupied by a Chinaman as a place of business and residence, and the value of the property stolen is estimated at about £500. No further particulars are as yet available.

PLAQUE STATISTICS.

The daily return of plague cases is still high. During the 24 hours ended at noon yesterday, 23 fresh cases were reported. Two (not fatal) were European—one from the steamer *Health* and the other from the Government Civil Hospital, the authorities at which institution, with characteristic official caution, declined yesterday to convey enlightenment as to who the patient was. One case (not fatal) was Japanese, one being from Victoria Gaol. No less than 11 cases came from the street, and in three instances, according to the Sanitary Board returns, the patients were alive, one of them, since dead, being found wandering in Praya East. The total cases since the 1st of January this year now number 99.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

An animated discussion took place in the Canadian Senate recently on the subject of the Pacific cable. Sir M. Bowell initiated the debate, and warmly approved Sir Wilfrid Laurier's efforts to induce the Australian Commonwealth not to grant further privileges to the Eastern Extension Company. He said that the management of the Pacific Cable seemed to be lacking in business energy. They should appoint agents to secure business in every part of Australia. Mr. Scott, replying for the Government, said that those who had followed the efforts made to strangle or paralyse the project must have felt their patriotism and desire for the Imperial connexion somewhat chilled. The Dominion had endorsed the enterprise from Imperial motives alone. Had Canada known the difficulties which would be thrown in her way during these six years it was doubtful whether she would have gone into management with the mother country and the colonies. He expressed profound regret that New South Wales should have deliberately broken her share of the contract. The Canadian Government had recently strongly protested against the proposed 10 years' agreement between the Commonwealth and the Eastern Extension Company, by which the latter practically secured a monopoly of cable business. There the matter rested for the present, except that the proposal for a limited free press service had been rejected by the Commonwealth, on the absurd ground that it could not see that any object would be gained.

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TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE ALBANIAN REVOLT.

LONDON, 26th May.
The Albanians have released the Sultan's mission.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S FISCAL POLICY.

LONDON, 26th May.

The Opposition intend to call attention to Mr. Chamberlain's declaration of fiscal policy, pressing Mr. Balfour to say whether he and his colleagues share Mr. Chamberlain's views; and if as it appears, Mr. Chamberlain spoke for the Government, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman will probably ask for an opportunity for discussing the whole question in the House.

LATER.

Mr. Chamberlain's reply to the Liberals is very lengthy. It says that no preferential trade proposals have been made to the Colonies and that there have been no recent negotiations on the subject.

THE ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

LONDON, 26th May.

Mr. Balfour, in reply to questions urging the Government to assist in relieving the *Discovery*, ice-bound in the Antarctic, said the Government was prepared to contribute, but he strongly censured the Royal Geographical Society for not counting the cost when equipping such an expedition.

CANTON.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

AN ITALIAN STRIKE.

Canton, 27th May.

On Monday some of your Italian residents came up to Canton for a very pleasant ceremony: the hoisting, for the first time on the Canton river, of the Italian flag on a steamer built for the river trade. The purchaser took possession of the vessel at twelve, and the Italian Consul-General authorised the hoisting of the national flag, while Mme. Volpicelli named the steamer *Lucia* after the name of the owner, Mine. Russo, widow of the late Consul.

After the toast of the King of Italy, the Consul said a few words, expressing his belief that the event was not only important for the small Italian community, but would be of interest to all. It was a narrow view probably based on timidity and indecision to suppose that the commercial development of one nation must injure others. It might be so occasionally, but generally the progress of one nation was beneficial to the rest, either by increasing its purchasing power, or by the discovery of new articles of exchange, thus creating new fields of activity which all could share.

He eulogised the enterprise of the purchaser, remarking that he thus showed himself a worthy son of his father, the pioneer in the Borneo trade, and hoped that his undertakings would over increase in prosperity.

YUNNAN REBELLION.

The difficulty of inland communications and the consequent slow spread of news in China is clearly illustrated by the general ignorance of the serious insurrection in the province of Yunnan. To be able to capture an important prefectural town like Linanfu the rebels must be numerous and the outbreak must have commenced some time before, yet nothing was mentioned about it up to a day or two ago, while an hypothetical war between Russia and Japan was a common subject of conversation among the Chinese. The Chinese authorities declare that no foreigners have suffered by the insurrection, and they will certainly take great care to defend them as they must by this time have a wholesale horror of indemnities, private as well as public.

FATSHAN RAILWAY.

This short line, which will probably be a very successful and paying one, is progressing rapidly. The embankment is almost completed, and the bridgework and laying of the rails will soon be commenced, as the Americans declare the railway will be open to traffic by the end of the year. The passenger traffic between the two large cities separated by such a short distance is already enormous and will certainly grow when there will be a quicker route. Most foreigners who only know Canton and its teeming population will be surprised to hear that at a distance of about ten miles in a straight line there is another city almost as large and as crowded. The Americans have shown great judgment in choosing these two large centres for the terminus of their short pioneer line.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The N.G.D. steamer *Munberg*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port yesterday, at noon, and may be expected here on the 2nd prox.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Pleides* left Yokohama for Victoria and Tacoma on the 27th inst.

The N.G.D. steamer *Capri* left Singapore for this port yesterday, and may be expected here on the 4th prox.

The Boston Steamship Co.'s steamer *Tremont* arrived at Yokohama on the 28th inst.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Tanba Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 27th inst., p.m., and is expected here on the 2nd prox.

The Warack Line steamer *Macduff*, from Glasgow, Liverpool and Straits, left Singapore on the 27th inst. for this port, and is expected here on the 1st prox.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 28th May.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR HENRY S. BERKELEY (ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE).

A PARTNERSHIP CASE.

The hearing was resumed in the case in which Ho Fung Hung, as administrator of the estate of Ho I Shek, deceased, sued Chan Kit San and Es Kok San, as partners in Yan Wo and Yi Li opium firms, to account to the plaintiff in respect of certain shares in these firms alleged to have been held by Ho I Shek. Mr. E. C. Ponferrada (of Messrs. Evans & Harston, solicitors), appeared for the defendants; and Messrs. H. E. Pollock, K.C., and T. Morgan Phillips, barristers-at-law (instructed by Mr. E. A. Bonner of Messrs. Denys & Bowley, solicitors), were for the plaintiff.

The Chief Justice had ordered that the issues of law in the case be argued, as follows:—(1) It being admitted that the defendants were not partners with Ho I Shek in his lifetime in the Yan Wo firm although they are now partners in the said firm, and assuming that Ho I Shek was at the time of his death entitled to a share in the said firm, and assuming that no settlement of accounts respecting that share has ever taken place between Ho I Shek's representatives and the present or past partners in the firm, are the defendants liable as such present partners to account to the plaintiff in respect of the said share? (2) It being admitted that the defendants were not partners with Ho I Shek in his lifetime in the Yi Li firm and assuming that Ho I Shek was at the time of his death entitled to a share in that firm, and assuming that no settlement of accounts respecting the said share has ever taken place between Ho I Shek's representatives and the present or past partners in the firm, are the defendants liable as such present partners to account to the plaintiff in respect of the said share?

The Chief Justice had ordered that the issues of law be tried after the settlement of the issues of fact he tried after the settlement of the issues of law.

The case was first heard on 24th ult., when Mr. Sharp, K.C., opened the debate, and Mr. Pollock, K.C., followed but did not conclude his address.

Mr. Pollock continued his argument and Mr. Sharp replied.

The Court adjourned.</p

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Yesterday forenoon the eighteenth annual ordinary general meeting of shareholders in Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd., was held at the offices of the Company, Queen's Road Central. Mr. Hart Buck (Chairman) presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. H. Lewis and R. C. Wilcox (Consulting Committee), Capt. Clark, Messrs. J. R. Michael, E. J. Moses, J. A. Tarrant and A. H. Mancoll (Secretary).

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, the report and statement of accounts have been in your hands since the 20th instant, so with your permission I will as usual consider them as read. The accounts put before you do not, I think, require much explanation. You will notice that our stock-in-trade are practically the same as last year, also that local and general liabilities have increased \$14,261.04 whilst bills payable have decreased \$36,300.21. The apparent discrepancy of a mortgage of \$23,000, on the remaining portion of Kowloon Island Lot No. 550, which property stands in the accounts at \$19,870.36 is explained by the fact that the balance of payments to the contractor were not due until 1903 when they were met. This property has been valued at more than \$40,000. Exchange has naturally lessened our profits for 1902 and from the same cause our working expenses are much larger where these are on a sterling basis, the increase in wages alone amounting to £15,000 over the previous year. I stated at our last annual meeting that it required much care and foresight to keep our necessary purchases within the buying power of the business with its existing available capital, and this condition of affairs becomes more marked as the expansion of the business continues, although we do not anticipate that it will be necessary to ask you for any immediate increase of the existing capital. So far, the returns this year show a satisfactory increase over the same period of last year. Our new aerated water factory in Des Voeux Road is now working, and we expect that our annual meeting next year will be held in our new reclamation premises which are well advanced. There is no doubt these changes in premises will prove beneficial to the working of the business. Messrs. W. Parfitt and R. C. Wilcox have been invited to join the Consulting Committee, the former gentleman during the absence of Mr. E. Osborne from the Colony. These appointments require your confirmation at this meeting. If any shareholder would like any further information in connection with the report and statement of accounts now before you, I shall be pleased to give it.

Mr. J. R. MICHAEL—Some of the shareholders have been asking if the accounts could not be made up a little earlier than five months after the end of the year.

The CHAIRMAN—We have our returns from various parts of China to come in, and it is impossible really to have them made up earlier. There being no further questions,

The CHAIRMAN proposed, and Mr. MICHAEL seconded, the adoption of the report and accounts. The motion was agreed to.

Capt. CLARK proposed, Mr. E. J. MOSES seconded, and it was agreed, that the appointment of Messrs. Parfitt and Wilcox to the Consulting Committee be confirmed.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the re-election of Mr. F. Maitland as auditor, observing that Mr. W. H. Potts would be invited to assist Mr. Maitland next year.

Mr. J. H. LEWIS seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business of the meeting, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready at 11 a.m. to-morrow (Friday).

GOLD AND COAL ON THE SIAMESE FRONTIER.

Lt.-Colonel K. M. Foss, who has been travelling during the winter and spring in Ceylon, the Nicobar Islands, and along the Siamese frontier, on behalf of a former Member of the Viceregal Council, the *Rangoon Gazette* says, has come on very rich auriferous quartz-reef and coal, just on the border line of Siam, near Victoria Point. Colonel Foss has studied in a school of mines and was accompanied by a well-known gold-mining engineer. Assays from wholly unpicked quartz gave over seven ounces of gold per ton, and there seems to be plenty of quartz in sight. The engineer has also verified the known existence of a coal deposit which will yield well over one million tons of good steam-coal, and a license for this has been granted; the coal mine is on the Tenasserim River, to the north-west of the gold deposits near Victoria Point; the quantity mentioned has been verified already by Government reports and tested by close Government borings; and the steaming properties of the coal had previously been tried on Government boats, with very satisfactory results. When this deposit is worked it will cheapen coal in Penang which is only 300 miles off, in Singapore, and in Rangoon, as the mine is so much nearer to those ports than any Indian or Australian colliery. Lt.-Colonel Foss has an engineer on the property and another is now expected to open up the gold reef; all the adjacent and available within British territory has been acquired. It is probable that an iron industry may also arise close to the coal-field, which could supply Siam and the Straits with that metal. Excellent iron stone and flux are procurable close by. Lt.-Colonel Foss has started for England to see about sending out machinery forthwith.

THE RICE TRIBUTE.

A PLEA FOR ITS COMMUTATION.

The *Shanghai Mercury* translates the following from the *Universal Gazette*:

It is difficult to find anything more useless and at the same time more expensive to the Chinese Government than the existing system of the transportation to Peking through the Grand Canal of the Government tribute rice from South China. Everything in connection with the system is at fault. The rice is not properly collected at Shanghai. It is not properly transported from Shanghai to Peking. And on arrival at Peking it is not properly stored there. The system is universally condemned; and yet the Chinese Government cannot see its way to abolish it, though it has been repeatedly suggested that the rice tribute be commuted to money and that the money thus secured be employed to buy rice in the North whenever it is needed. The Chinese Government refuses to do away with this faulty system, because it is prejudiced by the absurd notion that its abolition would lead to the starvation of the Manchus in Peking.

Now, since the Chinese Government considers it indispensable that the transportation of tribute rice to Peking should be continued, it should devise some good measures to improve the system. The authorities of the Government granary in Peking occasionally reject the rice on its arrival at the capital on the ground that it is rotten. In the present year more than ten thousand pounds from Kiangsu and Chekiang have been sent back on that account. But it must be borne in mind that the rottenness of the rice is entirely due to the manner in which it is sent North. When the rice is sent in to the local officials in Kiangsu and Chekiang by the farmers, it is perfectly sound. It takes so long a time for this to come to Shanghai in the native junks specially employed for the purpose that it is half rotten by the time it reaches that port. Though the rice is in such a bad state, the authorities appointed to receive it in Shanghai feel obliged to accept it, as they know that in sending the rice to this place the local officials in Kiangsu and Chekiang must have spent an enormous sum of money. After the rice has reached Shanghai, it is generally stored in the Government godowns for some time before it is transported to the North. And its transportation from Shanghai to Peking occupies no less than eight or nine months, during which it is subjected to all conditions of weather. Little wonder then that the rice is scarcely fit for human food when it finally arrives at Peking.

From the above facts it is evident that it is not the rice but the system of its transportation which is at fault; and in our opinion, the only remedy lies in the commutation of the rice to money.

THE BAGDAD RAILWAY AND THE EASTERN MAILS.

SIR THOMAS SUTHERLAND'S VIEWS.

Writing in the *Times*, Sir Thomas Sutherland, the Chairman of the P. & O. Company, says—

"I am bold enough to conceive that, when this proposed railway is made, the sea route will still be the mail route to the East. The presumption which has been set forth as to the saving to be effected by this land line rests apparently on the assumption that ten years hence the mail transit by sea will be exactly what it is to-day according to the present postal time-table—viz., 14 days and 14 hours. But I would point out that all mail contracts with which the P. & O. Company are concerned are based on the performance of the slowest and not of the fastest ships employed, and the postal table does not do justice to the service which is actually carried out. The latest steamers perform the work regularly in a little over 13 days, and, at the same time, they have not infrequently to be slowed down so as not to arrive at an inconvenient hour for the transaction of business and the landing of passengers. The services now performed is, therefore, superior to that required by the mail contract. And the fact may be recalled that, within the last 20 years or thereabout, a week has been knocked off the transit of the mails to the East. It rests chiefly with the British Government to decide whether the progress and improvement in the over-sea service are to be maintained and increased.

"If the Bagdad Railway were to run a daily fast service to India, letters would, of course, be sent that way. But it is as certain as anything can well be that, unless the British Government should subdivide this route at a heavy cost, its service will not, within the life of those now concerned, be more than a weekly service, and, in all probability, a less effective service than that of the over-sea and Brindisi route, as far as the greater part of India is concerned.

"It will hardly be denied that the maintenance of our over-sea services under the English flag is not merely a postal matter, but is one which involves Imperial considerations of the highest moment. Seeing that the Governments of France and Germany, not to speak of lesser Powers, find it to their advantage to maintain postal communications with the East, by means of mail steamers of an imposing type, it is hardly possible to imagine that Great Britain, with her vast political and commercial interests in the East, can ever allow her mail communications to fall into foreign hands. The over-sea postal service of this country will, therefore, I believe, remain, and will continue to improve in point of acceleration, if the needful encouragement is given for that purpose. Assuming this to be the case I feel very confident that, even when the Bagdad Railway is made, ten or 15 years

hence, Great Britain will not find it advantageous to transfer the mail service from her own flag to a foreign railway.

For, whatever we may be told, this railway will be a foreign concern, opposing rather than assisting the interests of this country. Not a package of English goods will be sent to India by it, and very few English passengers will care to undertake a 12 days' journey by rail, partly, at all events, through one of the hottest regions on the face of the earth. The P. & O. Company find it almost impossible nowadays to persuade passengers to use the Brindisi route, because it involves a longer land journey than that via Marseilles, although the expense is identical. The fact is, that, since steamers of the size now running have been in existence, a sea voyage is no longer dreaded, and the Bay of Biscay has ceased to be a name of terror even to the most timid travellers. Doubtless a certain number of people may find their way to India by this Bagdad route from Central Europe, and for the most part they will make their return journey by sea. While, therefore, I know nothing as to the prospect of this undertaking from the point of view of its possible local development, I have no hesitation in saying that, as far as the commerce of this country is concerned, Great Britain has no interest whatever in the scheme."

AMERICAN MISCONDUCT IN THE PHILIPPINES.

GENERAL MILES'S REPORT.

The New York correspondent of the London *Times* telegraphed on the 27th ult. the following—

It is a shameful story which is contained in the report made public to-day by Lieutenant-General Miles, the highest officer in the United States Army, on the subject of the misconduct of officers and soldiers in the Philippines. The sensational nature of the report is certainly not lessened by the fact that the War Department hesitated a long time before giving it to the public. The department sent General Miles to the Philippines to inspect and report, and when it received his statement apparently attempted to suppress it, calling it "confidential." It was only after General Miles said he had no objection to its publication that the report was made public.

The report is a long one, but perhaps a single item will suffice to give an idea of its nature. When General Miles was going from Calamba to Batangas he says he noticed that the country appeared devastated and the people were very much depressed. As he was stopping at Lipa, a party of citizens, headed by the president, met him and complained of harsh treatment. Fifteen of their people had been tortured by the "water-cure," and one old man, a highly respected citizen, while unconscious from the effects of the torture, was dragged into his house, which had been set on fire, and burned to death. The people had been crowded into the towns, 600 being confined in one building. A physician said he was ready to testify that some of the 600 died from suffocation. General Miles says that the statement regarding the man said to have been burned to death is confirmed by other reports, and that he has no reason to disbelieve the other statements. Many other atrocities committed by direction of American officers are alleged, including the whipping of natives to death, the shooting of prisoners, and the torturing and robbing of priests.

I believe that the *Times* was the first to suggest that the behaviour of American officers in the Philippines might be the result of climatic conditions. This is an explanation which, curiously enough, has a good deal more weight in Europe than here, where people can understand how Americans can develop the savagery of Turks.

THE BURDENS OF EMPIRE.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S "CUT-THE-PAINTER" SPEECH.

Mr. Chamberlain's "cut-the-painter" speech, as it is called in Australia, has excited a considerable amount of resentment throughout the Commonwealth. This was the speech at Cape Town in the course of which the Colonial Secretary is reported to have said—"It must be evident that as the self-governing Colonies grow in population, wealth, and power, they must either abandon the idea of forming part of the Empire or must take a full share in that burden and in those responsibilities." This was cabled verbatim to Australia, where it has been generally interpreted as meaning that the Colonies must either share the full burdens of Empire defence or leave the Empire. Sir Edmund Barton, the Commonwealth Premier, preferred to believe that Mr. Chamberlain did not mean what he was reported to have said. Most of the leading public men and public journals were not, however, so generously inclined, and there was a widespread feeling against being "dragged in" in this fashion. This feeling was expressed by Mr. J. C. Watson, the leader of the Federal Labour party, at a great Labour demonstration in Brisbane. He said he favoured land defence rather than a heavy expenditure on the Navy, because so long as Australians refrained from an aggressive policy they would have only to defend themselves against outside aggression. Regarding Mr. Chamberlain's reported statement, he thought if Australia took a share in the burden she would require some say in the policy of the Empire. He preferred Australia to continue in her present position, and said Australians would never be dragged into contributing to the upkeep of the Empire.

It will hardly be denied that the maintenance of our over-sea services under the English flag is not merely a postal matter, but is one which involves Imperial considerations of the highest moment. Seeing that the Governments of France and Germany, not to speak of lesser Powers, find it to their advantage to maintain postal communications with the East, by means of mail steamers of an imposing type, it is hardly possible to imagine that Great Britain, with her vast political and commercial interests in the East, can ever allow her mail communications to fall into foreign hands. The over-sea postal service of this country will, therefore, I believe, remain, and will continue to improve in point of acceleration, if the needful encouragement is given for that purpose. Assuming this to be the case I feel very confident that, even when the Bagdad Railway is made, ten or 15 years

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES AND NEWS.

COUNTESS RUSSELL'S SECOND MARRIAGE.

Mabel Countess Russell, recently married again, and became as she thought the wife of Prince Athol of Stuart Modena, of Austria, Countess Russell and her mother, Lady Scott, believing the man's assertion that he was a son of the present Emperor. The wedding took place privately in December last at a registry office at Portsmouth and afterwards, also privately, at St. George's, Hanover Square. The "Prince" deserted his wife before the month was out, and she subsequently learnt that he was a footman bearing the very plebeian name of William Brown, who has since been arrested and charged with "folly, knowing, and unlawfully causing to be inserted in the register of marriages a certain false entry," &c.

RUINED IN AUSTRALIA.

The disastrous effects of the recent drought in Queensland are indicated by a pathetically worded letter which the Postmaster-General of the Australian Commonwealth has received. In 1888 an exceptionally smart officer, who had charge of a small post-office, severed his connection with the department, and devoted himself to pastoral pursuits. With the savings he made as manager of a large station he bought some sheep, and took up a grazing area. Good seasons followed, and in a few years the enterprising ex-public servant owned a considerable tract of good country, upon which 24,000 sheep—also his own property—depastured. Then the drought set in, the young squatter lost all his sheep and his holding, and in his letter, which the Postmaster-General received recently, he says that he is ready to accept any position in the department from postmaster to line reporter.

ITALIAN ENOCH ARDEN.

A curious bigamy case is to be tried by the Modena tribunal. Five years ago a corpse was found in a river. As a man named Government had been missing from Modena, his wife was called to see the corpse, which she identified as her husband's, and relatives and friends confirmed the wife's identification. Government was consequently officially registered as dead. The wife, who married again, was startled on September 24 last, to see her first husband reappear safe and sound. He had spent five years of single blessedness in Hungary, and returned with a small fortune. He took things coolly, and shook hands with the second husband, but requested him to quit. The latter declined, stating that the first husband was legally dead, and the second marriage valid.

SANATORIUM FOR SUFFERERS AND PARADISE FOR TOURISTS.

Captain W. J. P. Bensen, F.R.G.S., lecturing on Jamaica at the London Institution, last month, said Jamaica was one of the healthiest and finest fruit-producing countries in the world, and that it was volcano had long since been exploded. Surely it was time that England paid attention to this long-neglected Colony. Where else in the world, he asked, would they find bread, custard, milk, and oysters growing on trees but in Jamaica? "Do you want," he asked, "to escape an English winter? Do you suffer from any lung trouble? Do you desire to take waters equal to those of any German Spa, and to experience a winter which is like an ideal English summer? If so then go to the land of perpetual summer, where the balmy air is laden with the scent of fruit and flowers; where the fireflies light up the night—Jamaica."

LOURDES "UP IN ARMS."

The town of Lourdes is up in arms. The Mayor has informed the Prefect that he will not answer for the preservation of order if the Government carries out its intention of stopping the services in the basilica held for the benefit of pilgrims from all parts of the world. Amongst these there have been crowned heads, Royal and Imperial personages, with a multitude of aristocratic and wealthy visitors, Catholic and non-Catholic. If the influx of these is hindered by vexatious legislation the hotel keepers, tradespeople, and other inhabitants, who are entirely dependent upon the frequent pilgrimages, will be ruined.

The Fathers of the famous Grotto have special faculties and privileges which cannot be transferred to the secular clergy. They have resolved not to show fight, in the interests of public tranquillity, and to leave Lourdes at once unless the Government sees its way to modifying the application of the Ministerial decree.

A STEAM RAILWAY COACH.

The first steam railway coach in England has been invented by and constructed under the superintendence of Mr. D. Bramson, Locomotive Superintendent of the London and South-Western Railway. It is intended to be run between Fratton and Southsea, to accommodate light traffic. The coach, which is the joint property of the Brighton and South-Western Companies, will be divided into two classes—first and third—which will be separated by a sliding door. In the first class the seats will be arranged longitudinally, and there will be accommodation for ten persons. In the third class, the seats will be arranged in pairs, transversely on either side of the centre gangway, while the number of persons accommodated will be thirty-two. The coach may be entered at either end from wide platforms, with openings on each side, which will be closed when running by collapsible gates. A luggage van is provided capable of holding one ton of luggage. This is situated on either side of the motor carriage, while the other part of the train. The coach may be driven from either end, and it is calculated that a running rate of thirty miles an hour can be attained in thirty seconds.

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A REPRINT of "THE 'ZAFIRO' A MYSTERY" Case in pamphlet form is now on sale. Copies may be obtained for cash, 8d each, at the Office of the "DAILY PRESS." Hongkong, 29th May, 1903. [1565]

IN THE MATTER OF H. PIRY & CO., IN LIQUIDATION.

THE SALE advertised to be held at the French Consulate, at Canton, on the 2nd June next, is POSTPONED until further notice, by order of the Liquidator.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1903. [1566]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

INSURANCE HOLIDAY.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 1st JUNE.

By Order, W. HUTTON FOTTS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1903. [1575]

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A REGULAR MEETING of the ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 2nd JUNE, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1903. [1564]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND for the year 1902, at the rate of Sixty Cents per Share for Six per Cent. on the Capital of the Company, making Eleven per Cent. for the year, is payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, Hongkong, on and after this date, the 29th MAY, 1903. On Warrants to be obtained from the undersigned. Local Shareholders are requested to apply at the COMPANY'S OFFICE for their Warrants.

The DIVIDEND is also payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, SHANGHAI, on presentation of Warrants thereto and after the same date.

By Order, A. H. MANCELL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1903. [1570]

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1903. [1]

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Hongkong, 29th May, 1903. [14]

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THE SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 14, Des Vieux Road, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY).

30th MAY, 1903, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February, 1903, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to 30th inst., both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOME & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [1466]

THE CHINA-BORENE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE STATUTORY MEETING of the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 4, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, on SATURDAY, the 6th JUNE, at NOON.

J. WHEELEY, General Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1903. [1511]

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Hongkong, 23rd May, 1903. [1553]

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Hongkong, 27th May, 1903. [1558]

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Hongkong, 27th May, 1903. [1542]

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Hongkong, 27th May, 1903. [1470]

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REUTER, BROECKELMANN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1903. [113]

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Hongkong, 25th May, 1903. [1529]

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Hongkong, 28th May, 1903. [1355]

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [73]

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Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [1153]

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Hongkong, 23rd May, 1903. [1046]

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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1903. [1681]

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Hongkong, 14th February, 1903. [700]

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1903. [700]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

MRS. GILLANDERS,

"GLENWOOD,"

21, CAINE ROAD.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [915]</

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 27, Duv, Portuguese gunboat, 720 Dlgo, from Macao.
 May 27, KANSU, British str. I.142, Badley, Shanghai 29th May, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.
 May 27, MATHANG, British str. I.614, W. D. Welsh, Sandakan 22nd May, Timber—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
 May 27, WONGKOK, German str. I.115, W. Holzer, Bangkok 1st May, rice—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.
 May 28, AYU, British str. I.355, W. H. Gibson, Karatsu 22nd May, Coals—M. B. KAISHA.
 May 29, CANT, DIEDERICHSEN, German str. 774, H. Schlaakier, Hollow 27th May, General—JENSEN & CO.
 May 28, CHIYO MARU, Japanese str. I.182, M. Kitao, Chinkiang 23rd May, General—CHINESE.
 May 28, DAIGI MARU, Japanese str. S.6, T. W. Groves, Tamsui via Amoy and Swallow 27th May, General—OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.
 May 28, DOYO MARU, Japanese str. I.193, S. Ayo, Chinkiang 25th May, General—CHINESE.
 May 28, MALACCA, British str. 2,615, A. F. Street, Yokohama 12th May, General—P. & O. S. N. CO.
 May 28, MANILA, British str. 2,711, H. G. H. Lowell, London 18th April, General—P. & O. S. N. CO.
 May 28, POMPEY, American str. I.200, J. C. Renge, Manila 23rd May—U.S. GOVERNMENT.
 May 28, ROSESEA, Russian str. I.300, Stenius, Wibb 22nd May, rice—EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.
 May 28, SHANTUNG, German str. I.600, M. Ellerhart, Foochow 25th May, Ballast—MELCHERS & CO.
 May 28, TELEMACUS, British str. I.340, Jas. Williamson, Saigon 24th May, Rice-flour and General—CHINESE.

CLEARANCES.
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

Anna, Norwegian str., for Iloilo.
 Chiyu Maru, Japanese str., for Canton.
 Dodo Maru, Japanese str., for Canton.
 Kusen, British str., for Canton.
 Looongpan, British str., for Manila.
 Principe Marie, Danish str., for Shanghai.
 Hubert, German str., for Swatow.
 Verona, German str., for Kuching.
 Vessels in dock.

DEPARTURES.
28th May.
 Anna, Norwegian str., for Iloilo.
 KANSU, British str., for Canton.
 LOONGPANG, British str., for Manila.
 MICHAEL JENSEN, German str., for Hoihiong.
 PELEUS, British str., for Shanghai.
 Roon, German str., for Shanghai.
 ROSETTA MARU, Japanese str., for Manila.
 VALE OF DOON, Sarawak barque, for Rajang.
 WHAMPA, British str., for Shanghai.

VESSELS IN DOCK.
28th May.
 ARKEDER DOCKS—Moutance, Canton River, Tayakou, San Jooquin, Jacob Diederichsen, Shantung, Decius, Empress of China.
 COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—M. Strate.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

HAI'MUN

Captain Mutton, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 29th inst., at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th May, 1903. [1542]

FOR SINGAPORE AND CALCUTTA.

THE N.D.L. Steamship

MAHEBURG

Captain Stern, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 29th inst., at 5 P.M.

For Freight, apply to

HAMMERG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1903. [1546]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

KUMSANG

Captain Boller, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 29th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1903. [1524]



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT), Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG,

KANGOO, COLOMBO, ADEN,

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(Taking cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS, SOUTH AFRICA, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE AND ADELIATIC PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

MELPOMENE

Captain Tosoni, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 29th inst., at P.M.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Princes Buildings.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1903. [153]

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS

in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line

are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS

OF LADING for all the principal ports in

SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-

CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s fortnightly

service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from

CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.

General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1903. [15]

THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI AND HANKOW.

THE Danish Steamer

"PRINSESSE MARIE,"

Captain Berentzen, will leave for the above

ports on or about the 27th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1903. [1492]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR JESSELTON, KUDAT

AND SANAKAN.

Taking cargo at through rates to

TAWAU, LAHAD DATU AND LABUAN.

THE Company's Steamship

"BORNEO,"

Captain Muhi, will be ready to load for the above ports on the 27th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1903. [1491]

EST ASIATIQUE FRANCAIS.

FOR TONGKU.

"CAMBODGE,"

Captain Declercq, will be ready to load on or about the 27th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1903. [1493]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING,"

Captain Passmore, will be despatched for the above ports on SUNDAY, the 31st inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th May, 1903. [1557]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANNAM,"

Captain Girard, will be despatched for the above ports on or about SUNDAY, the 31st instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1903. [152]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KCBP DIRECT.

THE Company's Steamship

"PERLA,"

Captain J. McGinn, will be despatched for the above port on MONDAY, the 1st June, at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for Passengers, and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1903. [1544]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"

Captain A. Stewart, will be despatched for the above ports on THURSDAY, the 4th June, at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th May, 1903. [1542]

FOR SINGAPORE AND CALCUTTA.

THE N.D.L. Steamship

MAHEBURG

Captain Stern, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 29th inst., at 5 P.M.

For Freight, apply to

HAMMERG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1903. [1546]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

KUMSANG

Captain Boller, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 29th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1903. [1524]

FOR SINGAPORE AND CALCUTTA.

THE N.D.L. Steamship

MAHEBURG

Captain Stern, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 29th inst., at 5 P.M.

For Freight, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., Agents.

Princes Buildings.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1903. [153]

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS

in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line

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NAVIGATION CO., LTD.**
JOINT SERVICES.

MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL AND FOR CONTINENT.**OUTWARDS.**

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"YANGTSE"	On 4th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OOPACK"	On 9th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 15th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PROMETHEUS"	On 20th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"STENTOR"	On 27th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	On 3rd July.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON	"CALCHAS"	On 6th June.
LIVERPOOL	"HYSON"	On 20th June.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ANTENOR"	On 23rd June.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ALCINOUS"	On 7th July.
LIVERPOOL	"OOPACK"	On 14th July.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"PELEUS"	On 21st July.

Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST POINTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"TELEMACHUS"	On 17th June.
The S.S. "OANFA" left Tacoma on the 14th inst. for Kobe and Hongkong. For Freight, apply to		

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

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Hongkong, 29th May, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"HANGCHOW"	On 29th May.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"TAMSUI"	On 1st June.
CHEFOO and TIENTSIN	"NANCHANG"	On 1st June.
YOKOHAMA	"KWANGSI"	On 2nd June.
MANILA	"SUNGKIAH"	On 3rd June.
MANILA	"CHANGSHA"	On 3rd June.

PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY,
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For Freight or Passage, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

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Hongkong, 29th May, 1903.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

(With liberty to call at Philippine Ports).

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG.

THE Steamship

"HUDSON"

will be despatched for the above ports on or about the 25th instant.

For Freight and further information, apply to STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF NEW YORK, Oriental Freight Department, Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1902. [1418]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS—POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX.

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 2nd June, 1903, at 11 A.M., the Company's Steamship "SALAZIE," Captain Aubert, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon

on Monday, the 1st June. Specie and Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day.

No Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday.

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1903. [2]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1903.

"CHARLES TIBERGHIEN" 15th June.

"MACDUFF" 10th July.

For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1903. [1125]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENFARG"

Captain Holman will be despatched as above

on TUESDAY, the 23rd June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1903. [1560]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.****THE Steamship****"PAR KONG"**

will be despatched for the above ports every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 5 P.M. Ample accommodation for European Passengers.

For Freight or Passage apply on board, or to KWONG WAN STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., 15 and 16, Connaught Road, Praya West, Hongkong, 8th May, 1903. [1253]

WING ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.****S.S. "CHU KONG" (Captain Mason)**

DEPARTURES from Hongkong to Macao daily at 7.30 A.M. (Sunday included). Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 2 P.M. (Sunday included).

This steamer the fastest and has superior Cabin accommodation.

FARES:

1st Class ... \$1.50

2nd ... 75c

3rd ... 30c

Further Particulars may be obtained at the Office of the

WING ON STEAMSHIP CO.

No. 42, Bonham Strand West, Hongkong, 16th May, 1903. [646]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.**THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.****NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.****THE Steamship****"PRINSESSE MARIE"**

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 5 P.M., the 29th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 1st June, will be subject to re-charge.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, the 1st June.

All Claims must reach us before the 4th June, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

MELCHIERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1903. [1534]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.****S.S. "BENLOMOND," FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAIT.**

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 30th inst., will be subject to re-charge.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 6th June or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

GIEBE, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1903. [1525]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE, NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD.**BAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.****NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.****THE Steamship****"ROON."**

OF THE NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, the 24th May.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 3rd of June will be subject to re-charge.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Wednesday, the 3rd June, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 6th June, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD.**MELCHIERS & CO., Agents.**

Hongkong, 27th May, 1903. [5]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**AND THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.****CONSIGNEES for Company's Steamer****"PELEUS"**

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 25th instant.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice is given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 25th prox.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer, Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd prox. will be subject to re-charge.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 25th prox. or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Monday next, the 1st prox., being a Bank Holiday, the Post office will be open for one hour only, i.e., from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one delivery, and a clearance from the Pillar Boxes on Sunday. The Night Box will be kept open. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed. All outgoing mails will be closed at 9 a.m.

The *Arman*, with the French Mail of the 1st May, left Saigon on Thursday, the 28th inst., at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on about Sunday, the 31st inst. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 28th March.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	PER	DATE
Hainan	Friday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.	
Fatshan	Friday, 29th, 9.30 A.M.	
Hainan	Friday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.	
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Friday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.	
Swatow and Amoy	Friday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.	
Borneo	Friday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.	
Malacca	Friday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.	
Hongkong	Friday, 29th, 12.15 P.M.	
Hongkong	Friday, 29th, 4.00 P.M.	
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Friday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.	
Namno	Friday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.	
Centen	Friday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.	
Hainan	Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.	
Zefiro	Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.	
Kwongping	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Kunming	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Shawmut	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Hongkong Maru	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Melpomene	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Haihing	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Nanchang	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Perla	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Tawati	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Singapore and Rangoon	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Chedoo and Tisshain	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Kobe	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Ningpo and Shanghai	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
(Late Letters 9.10 to 9.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Straits, Colombo and Bombay	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Manila	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Seattle	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Yokohama	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO & WEST RIVER STEAMERS.	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
TO-DAY.	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Japanese Acrobats, Praya (opposite the Central Market), 12.30 and 8.30 p.m.	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
TO-MORROW.	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Ordinary General Annual Meeting of China Light and Power Co., Ltd. 11 a.m.	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

28th May.

ON LONDON.—	TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER	1/8
BANK BILLS, ON DEMAND	1/8	
BANK BILLS, AT 30 DAYS' SIGHT	1/8	
BANK BILLS, AT 4 MONTHS' SIGHT	1/8	
CREDITS, AT 4 MONTHS' SIGHT	1/8	
DOCUMENTARY BILLS, 4 MONTHS' SIGHT	1/8	
ON FRANCE.—		
BANK BILLS, ON DEMAND	210	
CREDITS, AT 4 MONTHS' SIGHT	214	
ON GERMANY.—		
ON DEMAND	171	
ON NEW YORK.—		
BANK BILLS, ON DEMAND	40	
CREDIT, 60 DAYS' SIGHT	41	
ON BOMBAY.—		
TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER	1244	
—BANK, ON DEMAND	1244	
ON CALCUTTA.—		
TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER	12	
—BANK, ON DEMAND	1244	
ON SHANGHAI.—		
BANK, AT SIGHT	71	
PRIVATE, 30 DAYS' SIGHT	22	
ON YOKOHAMA.—		
ON DEMAND	81	
ON MANILA.—		
ON DEMAND	PAR.	
ON SINGAPORE.—		
ON DEMAND	NOMINAL	
ON BATANIA.—		
ON DEMAND	1011	
ON HAIPHONG.—		
ON DEMAND	1 p.c. pm.	
ON SAIGON.—		
ON DEMAND	1 p.c. pm.	
ON BANGKOK.—		
ON DEMAND	61	
TELEGRAPHIC BANK'S BUYING RATE	11.87	
G. & D. LEAT, 100 LINE, PER TON	801.90	
B. SILVER, PER OZ.	24	
OPUM.	28th May.	
QUOTATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:		
Allow no net to 1 cent.		
MALV. NEW. \$960 to \$970 per picul.		
MALV. OLD. \$1030 to \$1040		
MALV. OLDER. — to —		
MALV. V. OLD. \$1070 to \$1080		
PERSIAN FIN. QUALITY. — to —		
PERSIAN EXTRA FIN. — to —		
PERSIAN NEW. \$1027 to —		
PERSIAN OLD. \$1027 to —		
BANUAR NEW. \$1037 to —		
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VESSELS EXPECTED.		
THE FRENCH MAIL.		
THE M.M. steamer <i>Arman</i> left Saigon on the 28th inst., at 3 p.m., for this port, and is due here on the 31st inst.		
THE INDIAN MAIL.		
The Indo-Chinese steamer <i>Norberg</i> , from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 26th inst., p.m.		
THE AMERICAN MAIL.		
The P.M. steamer <i>City of Peking</i> left Yokohama for this port via Inland Sea, &c., on the 23rd inst.		
The O. & O. steamer <i>Doric</i> left Yokohama for this port via Inland Sea, &c., on the 27th inst., a.m.		
THE MERCHANT STEAMERS.		
The N.Y.K. steamer <i>Kagoshima Maru</i> (Bouyan Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 25th inst., at 6 p.m.		
The A.L. steamer <i>Melpomene</i> left Shanghai for this port on the 23rd inst.		
The N.Y.K. steamer <i>Kagoshima Maru</i> (Bouyan Line) left Shimonesaki for this port on the 26th inst., p.m., and is expected here on the 31st inst.		
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VESSELS EXPECTED.

FOR	PER	DATE
Hainan	Friday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.	
Fatshan	Friday, 29th, 9.30 A.M.	
Hainan	Friday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.	
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Friday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.	
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Borneo	Friday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.	
Malacca	Friday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.	
Hongkong	Friday, 29th, 12.15 P.M.	
Hongkong	Friday, 29th, 4.00 P.M.	
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Friday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.	
Namno	Friday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.	
Centen	Friday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.	
Hainan	Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.	
Zefiro	Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.	
Kwongping	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Kunming	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Shawmut	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Hongkong Maru	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Melpomene	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Haihing	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Nanchang	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Perla	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Tawati	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Singapore and Rangoon	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Chedoo and Tisshain	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Kobe	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Ningpo and Shanghai	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
(Late Letters 9.10 to 9.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Straits, Colombo and Bombay	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Manila	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Seattle	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Yokohama	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO & WEST RIVER STEAMERS.	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
TO-DAY.	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Japanese Acrobats, Praya (opposite the Central Market), 12.30 and 8.30 p.m.	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
TO-MORROW.	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	
Ordinary General Annual Meeting of China Light and Power Co., Ltd. 11 a.m.	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.	

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

COMPANY	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong & Sh. I.	\$125	\$105.
Bank of China	28	\$20. buyers
B. Shares	25	\$20. sellers
Stock Shares	21	\$20. sellers
Holl's Asbestos E. A.	24	\$44. buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co.	30	\$40. sellers
China-Gulf Co., Ltd.	32	\$11. sellers
China Light and Power Co., Ltd.	38	\$8.
China Prov. Co., Ltd.	100	\$9.85. buyers
China Sugar	100	\$10. buyers
Cigar Companies	750	\$38. sellers
Chambers, Ltd.	750	\$18.
Chingpuh Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.	100	\$18.
Cotton Mills	100	\$18. 38. sellers
East. Co.	100	\$18. 39. sellers
International Co.	75	\$18. 39. sellers
Leou Kung Alow	100	\$18.
Soyeter	100	\$18. 160.
Hongkong	30	\$16.
Dairy Farm	30	\$15. buyers
Farwick & Co., Govt.	225	\$50. sellers
Green Island Cement	30	\$24. buyers
H. & C. Company	30	\$24. buyers
Hongkong & C. Co.	30	\$10. buyers
Hongkong Electric	100	\$121. buyers
H. H. & T. Ltd.	100	\$121. buyers
H. H. & T. Ltd.	100	\$122. buyers
H. H. & T. Ltd.	100	\$123. buyers
H. H. & T. Ltd.	100	\$124. buyers
H. H. & T. Ltd.	100	\$125. buyers
H. H. & T. Ltd.	100	\$126. buyers
H. H. & T. Ltd.	100	\$127. buyers
H. H. & T. Ltd.	100	\$128. buyers
H. H. & T. Ltd.	100	\$129. buyers
H. H. & T. Ltd.	100	\$130. buyers
H. H. & T. Ltd.	100	\$131. buyers
H. H. & T. Ltd.	100	\$132. buyers